

Stephanie Kost

From: Marji Winters [marji@aarons-place.net]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 6:23 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: violence on television

Marji Winters
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July 30, 2004

Commissioner Michael Copps
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Copps:

I was informed that the FCC is wanting comments from parents on television and violence. Our home has strict rules about television. In fact the only channel that is watched regularly is PBS. My daughter watches most of the childrens programs during the week. The only other shows watched on television are Doc and Sue Thomas FB Eye. I truly believe excessive violence is harmful the the development of children. I do not want my children watching shows that have violence or sexual content on it at all.

The violence, sex, and language has gotten so bad that my husband and I do not watch television on a regular basis either. If children are exposed to violence (and even teenagers and adults) regularly they get desensitized to it and the reality and horror of it is not prevalent in their minds. I believe that the parents need to be responsible for what their children are allowed to do but as I said why should teenagers or adults be subjected to excessive violence either? It is just not needed to make a show interesting. Please keep excessive violence of the airwaves so that families may enjoy watching television together.

Sincerely,

Marji Winters
325-691-1226

Stephanie Kost

From: Joe Goodwin [goodwin2jb@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 5:11 PM
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Subject: Violence on TV

Joe Goodwin
140 Redbud Court
Covington, LA 70433

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Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Adelstein:

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To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; KJMWEB
Subject: Freedom of Choice

Importance: Low

I am a 42 year old registered republican. There are many issues that are important to me, one of them being my freedom of choice. I am completely against the FCC censoring my entertainment. Whether I choose to listen Howard Stern on the radio or watch a violent television program, I strongly believe that it should be my decision - not the FCC's. I am insulted that the FCC does not credit American citizens with enough intelligence to turn the channel if they find a program offensive or inappropriate for children.

Instead of taking away MY freedom of choice, why not insist that American parents take responsibility for raising their own children. Perhaps if parents took a more active role in their children's lives, they wouldn't be sitting in front of the television set or a video game for hours on end. If parents actually regulated and participated in their children's activities there would be no need to use the entertainment industry as a scapegoat whenever a child indulges in negative or criminal behavior.

Call me crazy, but I believe we should be taught family values and decent morals by our parents - not be forced to conform to the government's version by the FCC.

I find this entire censorship campaign of yours frightening. Having the FCC step in and tell me what I should or shouldn't find offensive is just plain wrong. I will not be voting Republican this election. In addition, I plan to subscribe to satellite radio and television where I will not have to worry about censorship

Sincerely,

Cathy Wise

Stephanie Kost

From: hankje@juno.com
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 3:03 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Violence on TV

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From: vivian taylor [tu11dy@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 12:11 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: TV violence

Dear Sir:

Re your request for input on violence on tv, not only is television violent but also full of profanity and double entendres. Discussion of every topic (pornography, erectile dysfunction, homosexuality) is heard on many programs during the 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. hours. I know this agency does not control what's on cable, but since most homes have cable available in their homes, something needs to be done that's more effective than a "v-chip". I'm totally disgusted to what is happening on our airwaves, and would like to think that someone in government is looking out for the viewers rather than the corporations. What a laugh!

Yours truly,
Vivian Taylor
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aurora co 80012

Stephanie Kost

From: BoLeJoLe@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 10:52 AM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Violence

Dear Sir:

There is no doubt about it: If it isn't violent, it won't sell. At least it won't sell as well. I think the FCC should try to persuade the powers that be to be more constructive in their approach to this subject, even if it means suggesting some sort of legal action could occur. Taking a tougher posture might influence those who can do something about it

Very truly yours,
Robert B. Levin

Stephanie Kost

From: Stovall, Aaron [Aaron.Stovall@reelscompanies.com]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 10:12 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Regulations

Dear Sir,

I can't believe that I am reading that the FCC wants to again CENSOR what can be shown on TV and receive more Government regulations to control what people in this country(USA) watch. This is just wrong!!! Let me explain why.

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3. Every piece of electronic equipment is built with an on/off switch and most come with some sort of dial or channel changing device.
4. Parents need to be parents, it is not the governments responsibility to govern other peoples children.
5. Truth hurts, so be it. If people don't like it then they can talk about it or hide from it. The fact is life is not a bowl of cherries.
6. Not everyone who watches or listens to programming that depicts violence or sex is unstable and in need of counseling. Some of the viewers in this nation just like a little more realism in what we choose to watch.

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I hope that some of the points I have addressed above, as short as they may be opens your mind a little bit to how a citizen of this great country feels when government agencies try to take control over things that don't need governing. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion to you and would hope that this email will help you decide NOT to go ahead with trying to add more regulations on to what people can watch and listen too within this great nation of ours.

Sincerely
Aaron Stovall

From: Stovall, Aaron [Aaron.Stovall@relscompanies.com]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 10:11 AM
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From: Jeremy Meir [meirj@med.umich.edu]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 10:00 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Violence, sex, and language in TV

Jeremy Meir
500 E. Monroe
Dundee, Mi 48131

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Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
445 12th Street SW
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Meir
734-615-8271

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From: Jeremy Meir [meirj@med.umich.edu]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 9:59 AM
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From: Sue & Sam Hurwitz [suesam@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 8:34 AM
To: Michael Powell
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TV today is inundated with violence. There are examples of violence shown at night (and some of the day) on almost all networks including cable. The effect this has on the human condition is slowly eroding our sensitivity to horrific acts. The first time I saw nudity in a movie film, the audience gasped. Now, nothing seems to surprise the viewers; all is accepted. I suspect the same phenomenon is occurring with violence. Our level of acceptance of inappropriate behavior has been raised exponentially. Not only our children but adults are affected most negatively. And, as an aside, in my opinion the stories are not enhanced by this exposure. It often seems like a bit of a cheap shot. This includes some sensationalized news stories. An effort to curb this trend can only do good.

Sue Hurwitz, PhD

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From: Sue & Sam Hurwitz [suesam@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 8:01 AM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: viewer comment

Sir,

Referencing your request for viewer input concerning violence on television, I would like to add my opinion. There is much too much violence on TV - shooting, knifing, hitting, murder, rape, mugging, stealing - just one violent act after another. There is much good on television if one looks carefully, but the kids don't look for those programs. They are programmed by watching these acts. The 13 year old who bullies or even murders his playmate has seen the same thing on his favorite TV show. We are telling him that it is ok to do these things. The attitude toward women is often demeaning and violent. The kids and some of the adults are affected by this enough to continue the misbehavior into reality.

I think that we have gone way past the limits of good sense and reason. As much as I do not like censorship, I think that we must have control over the airwaves because they have control over our kids.

Thank you.

Sam Hurwitz, DDS

Stephanie Kost

From: Racewaybob@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2004 10:37 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Cable Regs?

Greetings,

I understand the FCC is considering a crackdown on Cable/Satellite programs, specifically violence therein.

No, we do *not* need further regulation. I'm still seething at the way you folks got your panties in a bunch because a few bluenoses took offense when Janet Jackson flashed a boob.

I can only imagine the result of stricter code enforcement of these stations: cable will become the bland unimaginative wasteland network TV has become.

Everybody needs to remember that every TV and radio comes equipped with an on/off switch, which can and should be used at the viewers' discretion. If you don't like a show, turn it off.

If you're keeping score, add one to the "NO" column.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie Kost

From: Goetz, Randi Rae [RGoetz@ci.tacoma.wa.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2004 9:23 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: tv & movie violence, sex, trash

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my very strong opinion about too much violence and sexual content on television and in the movies.

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